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COUNTY EXECUTIVE CLAIMS LAYOFFS WERE POLITICAL BLUFF

Supervisors know better because layoff notices were indeed sent to County employees

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, along with Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr., Chris Larson, Theodore Lipscomb and Johnny L. Thomas, released the following joint statement regarding County Executive Scott Walker's claims that the layoffs notices he issued last week were nothing more than a political bluff:

"Either he was lying then, or he's lying now. This is not a game. The fact is that these employees indeed received layoff notices. A true leader would not play games with our community's core services and the lives of 180 families for personal, political gain.

"If the County Executive were only applying pressure on the County Board to come up with savings, he wouldn't have actually issued these layoff notices. Once the County Executive decided to pull the trigger, he cannot claim that he never expected to harm these families.

"The County Executive's comments are a big slap in the face to the residents of Milwaukee County. His radio comments this morning are contrary to the spirit of cooperation we fostered on Friday."

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